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PARIS FOR MURPHY

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SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION: SITREP 9

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SUMMARY. SITUATION LOOKS BRIGHTER TODAY. SUPERVISORY

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CEASE-FIRE TEAM TO BEGIN WORK IMMEDIATELY. FRENCH CALL  
OFF SALAL ATTACK. ALL QUIET IN THE SOUTH.

1. ALTHOUGH CONSIDERABLE TENSENESS REMAINS, THE  
ATMOSPHERE IN NDJAMENA HAS IMPROVED MARKEDLY  
IN THE LAST 24 HOURS. THE COMBINATION OF THE ARRIVAL  
OF THE MILITARY MIXED TEAM TO SUPERVISE THE CEASE-FIRE

THE ARRIVAL OF FURTHER FRENCH REINFORCEMENTS AND THE  
CONFIDENT RESPONSE BY THE GOC TO FROLINAT'S GENERAL  
STRIKE CALL ALL CONTRIBUTED9

2. SUDANESE VICE PRESIDENT ABDOUL GASSIM AND THE  
MILITARY DELEGATIONS FROM SUDAN, NIGER AND LIBYA  
ARRIVED YESTERDAY, AS WELL AS 23 LIBYAN SUPPORT PERSONNEL  
AND A NUMBER OF VEHICLES SENT BY LIBYA TO HELP THE TEAM  
CARRY OUT ITS WORK. AGOC COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED  
TODAY IN THE INFOTCHAD CITED THE PRESENCE OF HISSEN HABRE  
AMONG THOSE ARRIVING WITH THE SUDANESE DELEGATION,  
STATING THIS WAS HIS FIRST OFFICIAL ARRIVAL IN NDJAMENA.

3. FRENCH AMBASSADOR DALLIER SHOWED ME AN ACCOUNT  
OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT MALLOUX THIS  
MORNING IN WHICH HE QUOTED THE PRESIDENT AS SAYING  
VP ABIOUL GASSIM HAD CARRIED A MESSAGE FROM MALLOUM  
TO QADHAFI PROTESTING CEASE-FIRE VIOLATION BY FROLINAT  
AND EXPRESSING CHADIAN WILLINGNESS TO COMPLY WITH THE  
SEBHA AGREEMENT. QADHAFI'S REPLY ACCORDING  
TO DALLIER, SAID IT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT FOR FRENCH TROOPS  
TO REMAIN IN CHAD UNTIL AFTER CEASE-FIRE CONDITIONS  
HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED AT THE JUNE 7 SEBHA III CONFERENCE.  
PRIOR TO THIS FROLINAT SHOULD PULL BACK FROM ARADA,  
GUERADA, AND SALAL TO THE POSITIONS IT HELD AT FAYA  
LARGEAU AND OUM CHALABA FOLLOWING THE LAST SEBHA  
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MEETING. THE CEASE-FIRE TEAM WOULD THEN ESTABLISH  
FOUR SUPERVISORY POSTS AT ABECHÉ, NDJAMENA, KORO-TORO  
AND FAYA. (THE INFOTCHAD COMMUNIQUE SPELLS OUT THE  
AGREEMENT IN A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FASHION BY SAYING  
QUOTE THE COMMITTEE WILL PROCEED AT FIRST BY SPLITTING  
THE SUDANESE, NIGERIAN AND LIBYAN OFFICERS AMONG THE  
CITIES OF NDJAMENA, FAYA, SALALA AND ARADA TO OBSERVE  
THE APPLICATION OF THE CEASE-FIRE UNQUOTE. IT ALSO  
SAYS THE PRESENCE OF FRENCH MILITARY QUOTE IS THE  
AFFAIR OF THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT...NEVERTHELESS  
IT INVITES THE GOC TO MAKE NO FURTHER APPEAL TO THE  
FRENCH MILITARY AND ASKS FROLINAT TO STOP PROVOKING  
QUARREL UNQUOTE.)

4. FRENCH DCM LACOMBE INFORMED ME THAT YESTERDAY'S  
ATTACK ON SALAL WAS CALLED OFF AFTER AN INITIAL ARTILLERY  
EXCHANGE AND FRENCH FORCES WERE PULLED BACK TO  
AWAIT ACTION BY THE CEASE-FIRE TEAM. A LARGE NUMBER  
OF FRENCH TROOPS REMAIN IN THE SALAL/MOUSSORO THEATER,  
HOWEVER. AMBASSADOR DALLIER ESTIMATES THESE AT 450,  
WHILE TWO FRENCH MILITARY SOURCES PLACE THEM AT  
ABOUT 600.

5. THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF CHAD IS  
GENERALLY QUIET. PEACE CORPS DOCTOR CARY ENGLEBERG  
RETURNED LAST NIGHT FROM AN EXTENSIVE TRIP AND REPORTED  
THAT BOUSSO, BONGOR, DOBA, KELO, KOUMRA, LAI, MOUNDOU  
AND SARH WERE ALL CALM. PROTESTANT  
MISSIONARY DIRECTOR STROSCIEN HAS BEEN IN CONTACT  
WITH THE MISSIONARIES IN A NUMBER OF CITIES AND REPORTS  
THAT ALL IS QUIET IN THOSE STATIONS. DCM LACOMBE WAS  
IN TELEPHONE CONTACT THIS MORNING WITH THE HONORARY  
CONSUL IN OUNDOU WHO STATES THAT THINGS HAVE  
RETURNED TO NORMAL IN THAT CITY. INTERIOR DIRECTOR  
GENERAL D'JITOG INFORMED ME THIS MORNING THAT THE  
DISTURBANCE IN OUNDOU WAS CAUSED BY 600 MOSLEMS  
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PROTESTING AGAINST GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY. THE EUROPEANS  
WHO WERE INJURED WERE NOT TARGETED AS SUCH BUT GOT IN  
THE WAY OF THE MOB WHEN THEY VISITED THE PREFECTURE.  
HE STATES THE GOC HAS REASSERTED ITS AUTHORITY AND  
CALM HAS RETURNED THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH.

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Y. DJITOG ALSO SAYS THATTHE GOVERNMENT IS  
FIRMLY IN CONTROL IN NDJAMENA AND THE FORCES  
OF ORDER ARE TAKING ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO INSURE THAT  
THERE ARE NO UNTOWARD EVENTS TOMORROW OR FRIDAY.  
THE CSM LAST NIGHT BROADCAST A COMMUNIQUE TAKING  
OFFICIAL NOTICE OF FROLINAT'S CALL FOR A GENERAL  
STRIKE ON APRIL 27 AND 28. THE COMMUNIQUE TOOK  
PARTICULAR NOTE OF THE THREAT TO ANYONE, WHO QUOTEREFUSED  
TO RESPECT THE ORDERS GIVEN UNQUOTE. IN ITS REPLY THE  
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CSM INVITED THE POPULATION TO CONTINUE ITS NORMAL  
DAILY ACTIVITIES AND SAID THAT MEASURES WERE BEING TAKEN  
TO GUARANTY THE SECURITY OF PEOPLEANDTHEIR POSSESSIONS.  
IT WARNED THAT ANY DISTURBANCE OF PUBLIC ORDEROR  
ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE WITH THE FREE EXERCISE OF ACTIVITIES  
BY CITIZENS WOULD BE PUT DOWN VIGOROUSLY.

7.FRENCH DEPENDENTS ARE BEING EVACUATED FROM BOL  
TO NDJAMENA, BUT FRENCH DIRECTOR OF ASSISTANCE BELORGEY  
INFORMED ME THAT ALL FRENCHTECHNICAL ASSISTANTS  
WILL REMAIN ON THE JOB. THE FRENCH EMBASSY WILL REMAIN  
OPEN TOMORROW BUT EMPLOYEES WILL BE GIVEN THE OPTION  
OF REMAINING HOME, EXCEPT FOR KEY PERSONNEL SUCH AS  
DOCTORS AND THOSE IN PUBLIC UTILITIES. SCHOOLS REMAIN  
CLOSED IN NDJAMENA BUT HAVE REOPENED THROUGHOUT THE  
SOUTH. AMBASSADOR DALLIER IS PERMITTING EARLY DEPARTURE  
TO FRANCE ON VACATION OF ANY DEPENDENTS WHO NORMALLY  
WOULD LEAVE DURING THE SUMMER, BUT DCM LACOMBE SAYS  
THAT FAMILIES WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE BEING TOLD THAT  
NDJAMENA SCHOOLS MOST LIKELY WILL REOPE ON  
TUESDAY AND ENCOURAGEMENT IS BEING GIVEN TO HAVE  
SUTUDENTS FINISH THE SCHOOL YEAR.

COMMENT. WE HAVE BRIEFED ALL AMERICAN PERSONNEL,  
INCLUDING PEACE CORPS, AND HAVE SUGGESTED THAT  
DEPENDENTS REMAIN AT HOME TOMORROW AND FRIDAY.  
EMPLOYEES WHO DO NOT COME TO WORK WILL NOT BE  
PENALIZED. UNDP RES REP HARPER IS ISSUING THE SAME

INSTRUCTIONS. THE TWO PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN BOL  
WILL COME OUT TOMORROW AND THE NEXT DAY ON THE  
AIRCRAFT CHARTERED TO BRING FRENCH DEPENDENTS TO NDJAMENA.  
VOLUNTEERS FROM BONGOR ARRIVED LAST NIGHT IN NDJAMENA.  
PEACE CORPS STAFF MEMBERS ARE NOW IN THE SOUTH VISITING  
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OTTERS.  
OUR ASSESSMENT OF YESTERDAY REMAINS VALID IN THAT  
THE GOVERNMENT IS ON TOP OF THE SITUATION FOR THE MOMENT  
BUT THAT ITS CONTINUED EXISTENCE DEPENDS TOTALLY ON  
FRENCH SUPPORT. AS OF TODAY, WERE I A BETTING MAN,  
I'D GIVE SOME ODDS THAT THINGS WILL REMAIN  
REASONABLY QUIET UNTIL THE JUNE 7 SEBHA CONFERENCE  
IF WE GET THROUGH THE NEXT FEW DAYS. DALSIMER

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